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Attached are some extracts from a speech by the First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Ukraine, Alexander Kirichenko. The speech was broadcast in Russian from Moscow Radio. SMASH suggested that if the interested officers at Headquarters had not seen this, it might be worth reading.

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Soviet apprehensions regarding the Ukrainian
Resistance Movement

1. The "Ukrainskyj Samostijnik", (Munich) No. 14 (220) of
4.4.54. published the following extracts from the speech of
Alexander Kirichenko, First Secretary of the Communist Party of
the Ukraine, made at Kiev on 23rd March on the occasion of the
18th Congress of the Communist Party of the Ukraine:

"The Communist Party of the Ukraine and the Ukrainian
people will continue to promote the friendship of all the
nations of our fatherland and its uncompromising fight
against all manifestations of bourgeois ideology. In
particular against the Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists,
the dastardly and accursed enemies of the Ukrainian people . . ."

"The Party organisations of the Western regions of the
Ukraine are obliged to remain vigilant in their fight against
the OUN remnants, to prevent their penetrating the Kolkhozi,
the industrial enterprises, the schools and there carry on
their disruptive work. Utmost vigilance - remains the slogan
for all party organisations."

2. In an editorial comment on the above the journal stated
that Moscow Radio relayed Kirichenko's speech in full on 24th March,
explaining that the broadcast represented a translation of it from
the Ukrainian.

3. "Ukrainskyj Samostijnik" claims that this is the first
occasion in which the existence of the OUN has been openly referred
to by the Soviet authorities. It goes on to say that "the rules of
Moscow in the Ukraine and the Soviet officials in Kiev have never,
as a matter of principle, formally mentioned the OUN nor indeed
admitted the fact that the OUN is a political factor in the Ukraine.
That they have done so now is proof that the Ukrainian resistance
movement represents a danger and a challenge which they can no
longer ignore or pass over in silence."

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